

Governor's Commission on Environmental Justice & Sustainable Communities

Draft Minutes

ATTENDEES: Scot T. Spencer, Andrew Sawyers, Diane Matuszak Bonnie Wilson, Kristine Dunkerton, Claudia Goetz Phillips, Stephanie Cobb-Williams, Gary Kelman, Dawnn McCleary, Paul Oberle, Bill Paul, Jim Richmond, Kristine Golden, Clifford Mitchell, Roger Taylor, Joe Cullen, David Honick, Debra Joseph, Phil Heard, Karen Irons, Darin Crew, Arthur Ray, Barb Sattler

DATE: Wednesday, July 30, 2003

TIME: 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Department of the Environment, Aqua Conference Room
1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore MD 21230

Welcome:

- Andrew Sawyers welcomed the Commission members and other participants. All attendees introduced themselves.
- Scot Spencer announced that there will be no meeting in the month of August.

Handouts:

- June 25th Meeting Minutes
- Johns Hopkins University, Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy, Final Report on the Findings and Recommendations of the CEJSC's Community Assessment and Planning Framework
- Basics and Background, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Environmental Equity Screening Model, February 4, 2002

Discussions:

- Andrew Sawyers led a review and discussion of the Johns Hopkins University, Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy, Final Report on the Findings and Recommendations of the CEJSC's Community Assessment and Planning Framework. Andrew described the indications of the findings and the method for determining the recommendations.
- Joe Cullen from Public Works updated the Commission on his progress with planning the Public Dialogue Sessions, scheduled for September 2003. He distributed his draft work plan to the Commission. Joe is in the process of conducting interviews with members of the staff at MDE and EPA to discuss ideas and opinions related to Environmental Equity. He has completed roughly 14 discussions thus far and will prepare and brief conclusive summary when the discussions are complete.

- Members of the Commission suggested that Commission members be interviewed by Joe in addition to MDE staff members, and Joe has agreed to consider this suggestion.
- The possible locations for the Public Dialogue Sessions were discussed.

Workgroup Update:

Barb Satler, filling in for Robyn Gilden, presented the Environmental Public Health Workgroup's progress in a presentation entitled "Environmental Risks and Health Indicators." She discussed the three categories of information that have been determined in order to classify the Environmental Health Risk Indicators, also developed by the workgroup. The Health Risk Indicators have been developed for use by communities and decision makers in the planning process. The Commission discussed possible revisions to the categories and gave suggestions to the workgroup. The Workgroup's next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 20th, 2003 from 9:30 am -11:30 am at MDE.

Adjournment:

- The Commission's next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 24th, 2003 at the Maryland Department of the Environment, in the Aqua Conference Room, located in the Lobby.

Respectfully submitted by Kristina Golden July 30th, 2003.